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Claims 1, 11, 26 and 39 are pending in this application. All withdrawn claims have been canceled. All pending claims are under examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating, in paragraph 7 on page 6 of the last Office Action, the presence of allowable subject matter in claim 39. That claim was dependent when last examined but has now been rewritten as an independent claim and is clearly allowable.

Issues under the **second** paragraph of 35 USC 112

The rejection in paragraph 3 on page 2 of the last Office Action of selected claims under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 is traversed but has been rendered moot by the amendments to these claims. The Examiner is thanked for the helpful suggestions. All claims have been amended in conformance with the spirit of these suggestions. These changes do not in any way narrow the scope of the claims.

Issues under the **first** paragraph of 35 USC 112

The rejection in paragraphs 4 and 5 beginning on page 3 of the last Office Action of claims 27-35 under the first paragraph

of 35 USC 112 is traversed but has been rendered moot since all these claims have been canceled.

Issues under 35 USC 102

The rejection in paragraph 6 on page 6 of the last Office Action of claims 1 and 11 as lacking novelty under 35 USC 112 in view of US patent 5,919,932 (Gaster) is traversed but has been rendered moot by the present amendment. As presently amended Formula I now requires a double bond at a certain place in the compound depicted. This makes the claimed compounds different than those of Gaster which can be considered to be octane derivatives.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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